

Appl. No. 10/789,932
Amdt. Dated March 5, 2007
Reply to Office Action of December 8, 2006

Attorney Docket No. 81707.0192
Customer No.: 26021

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS:

Claims 1 and 10 are amended. Claims 1-18 are pending in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

The present invention relates to a solid oxide fuel cell. (Applicant's specification, at p. 1, lines 5-6).

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112:

Claims 1-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention.

The Office states,

"Claims 1 and 10 recite that the ends the outer electrode layer are 'located on the outer sides of both side ends of said interconnector', which would imply that the ends of the outer electrode layer are in contact with the interconnector, this would imply a short circuit. This also would conflict with the recitation that the outer electrode does not oppose the curved sections of the substrate or inner electrode, since the outer electrode would have to extend around the curved sections in order to contact, and be located 'on' the side ends of the interconnector."

In response, Applicant clarified claims 1 and 10 by changing "located on the outer sides of both side ends of said interconnector" to --located on the other flat surface and on outer sides of corresponding portions to both side ends of said interconnector--. Withdrawal of this rejection is thus respectfully requested.

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SPECIFICATION:

The disclosure is objected to because drawing numerals 1a and 1b in Figure 5 are not found in the specification. In response, Applicant respectfully submits that drawing numerals 1a and 1b are found at p. 22, lines 12-22 of Applicant's specification. Withdrawal of this objection is thus respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER:

The Office states that claims 1-18 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action. Since the Applicant believes the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph rejection has been addressed, allowance of claims 1-18 is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (310) 785-4755 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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